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**WATERFOWL HUNTERS TO RECEIVE QUESTIONNAIRE**

A number of duck, goose, and coot hunters will be asked by the Fish and Wildlife Service, at the close of this year's waterfowl hunting season, to fill out a short mail questionnaire concerning the waterfowl hunting trips they made and the birds they shot.

"The questionnaire", said Director Albert M. Day, "is designed to give an estimate of the waterfowl hunting kill for the season. From reliable kill information a proper balance between hunting regulations and bird harvest is achieved.

It has always been difficult, Director Day said, to determine the extent of the annual kill, and this new type of survey, designed with the aid of the Census Bureau and the Budget Bureau's Statistical Standards Office, is expected to bring results that will show an improvement over past methods.

As a preliminary to this year's survey, approximately 150 United States Post Offices have been furnished with card forms to be given out at the time of Federal Duck Stamp sales. Waterfowl hunters who receive and use these forms are the ones who will be asked later to complete the questionnaire. It is requested that one half of the card form be filled out and mailed to the Fish and Wildlife Service, postage free, at the time of stamp purchase. The other half is to be retained by the hunter as a sort of score card for listing the numbers and kinds of waterfowl bagged. It is hoped that the items recorded will be transferred to the final questionnaire at the season's close.

At a meeting of the National Waterfowl Council in Dallas, Texas, on September 11, State game administrators from all sections of the country announced that the survey should prove to be one of the most progressive steps ever taken in the matter of inventorying the harvest of waterfowl.

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